

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed on September 8, 2004, Applicants have amended the specification to include a brief description of FIG. 13 ("FIG. 13 illustrates an embodiment of a single vessel perfusion assembly for use in the perfusion of a single intercostal artery."). This same brief description of Fig. 13 is included in the issued parent application (U.S. Serial No. 09/283,771, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,355,010), which was incorporated by reference. In addition, a description of FIG. 13 is included in the specification on page 16, lines 3-11, which states that "the single perfusion assembly 300 described above can be particularly useful in perfusing a single intercostals artery 14." Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants assert the application is in condition for publication. Favorable action on the merits of this amendment is therefore earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (949) 737-2900. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,
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